

Stecher's Downfall Caused By Famous Headlock Hold

Former Champion's Much Heralded Scissors
Grip Fails in Pinch—"Strangler" Victorious
After Hour and Forty-one Minutes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Strangler Lewis took the world championship wrestling title from Joe Stecher here tonight in a headlock hold in one hour, 41 minutes.

The Strangler put all he had into his vice-like headlock for forty minutes before he was able to flatten his rival's shoulders into submission. At that he was forced to resort to a hip lock along with his favorite dome-crushing stunt in order to ease down the former champ's defense.

It was a battle of one favorite hold against another favorite hold from the very beginning. Of course there was lots of muscular work as the head and the strait bringing them together and the arms and legs began to earn. Stecher's great right hand and his famed scissors grip that has saved his title on many other occasions, and he incidentally defeated the Strangler in previous meetings. But tonight it seemed as

If nothing short of padlocked chains could hold the giant Kentuckian. He repeatedly broke these dangerous holds.

Strangler's headlocks dazed his opponent after an hour or so. Taking advantage of Stecher's STOKY confusion, Lewis twisted out of a dangerous leg scissors and floored his man. Up until the time that the former champ went, GROGKY he managed to squirm out of all danger and let Lewis in some tight places. But he couldn't turn the head squeezing forever, and eventually it was the much-heralded Lewis operation that brought home the bacon.

By his victory tonight, Strangler Lewis is now the world champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler. George Bothner refereed, and the Seventy-first Regiment Armory was packed for the match.

COLLYER'S COMMENT
on the Sport of Kings
By BERT E. COLLYER

Collyer's chatter delayed by wire trouble.

Havana Selections.
First Race—HAVANA, Marianna.

Helen Lucas.
Second Race—B. B. Johnson, The
Pirate, Guardsman.
Third Race—Beausaire, Harry
Glover, Sinn Feiner.
Fourth Race—Cromwell, Buford,
Miss Kitt.
Fifth Race—Timothy Hogan, Fly
Home, Thornbloom.
Sixth Race—Hocnix, Lui-Meme
War Loan.
Best Bet—Ravanna.

Tin Juana Selections.

First Race—Clear the Way, J. D. Suggs, Tempy Duncan.

Second Race—Tawassantha, Hyampon, Miss Meelick.

Third Race—Apropos, Sea Way, Chandler.

Fourth Race—Verdi Loan, Cehrta, Canchon.

Fifth Race—Boonville, Piedra, Cork.

Sixth Race—Sturdee, Sedan, Deckhand.

Seventh Race—Pierrot, Happy

New Orleans Entries.

First Race—Purse \$600 for maiden 3-year-olds and up; 5 1-2 furlongs: Mandala, 115; Horeh, 112; Pindar, 109; Polgamint, 109; Tony, 108; O. Rose, 105; Hop Over, 108; Tipford, 109; Hidden Talent, 106; Riddle, 105; Adrienne R., 106; Teacher's Pet, 106; Tillotey, 106.

Second Race—Purse \$600 for

horses and geldings, 2-year-olds and up; six furlongs: Highland Lad, 115; Tarascon, 112; Dr. Campbell, 110; Phillipic, 107; xOpportunity, 107; xGeneral, 107; George Washington, 107; No Lawn, 107; xChick Barkley, 107; Comacho, 107; xCockroach, 105; xDouble Van, 104; xPullux, 102; xBeau Brummel II, 98. Also eligible — xHr. R. Roche, 104; May, 107; Salway, 107.

Third Race—Claiming; purse \$600; 2-year-olds; six furlongs: Superb, 115; Danhell, 113; Charles A. Byrne, 113; The Moore, 112; None Princess, 107.

112: Tut 108; Sea Court, 118; Mary Erb, 115; xMarty Fonso, 103; Mabel Josephine, 103; xHigh Wave, 101; xGladys, 88.

Fourth Race—Purse \$700: claiming; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs: Hindoostan, 116; Jago, 115; Head Over Heels, 111; Anticipate, 109; xSt. Germain, 109; Popper, 105; Whist, 107; Shoot On, 107; Phantom Fair, 100.

Fifth Race—Purse \$600: Marigny Handicap; 3-year-olds and up; one mile and one-eighth: Rapid Traveler, 120; Tailor Made, 108; Tantalus, 106.

Sixth Race—Purse \$700; claiming: 3-year-olds; one mile: xMurray, 112; xBally Belle, 110; Light Wine, 109; xRapid Stride, 105; xKallipolis, 104; xOld McKenna, 102; xBurgoyne, 105.

Seventh Race—Purse \$700; claiming: 3-year-olds and up; one mile and seventy yards: xPilsen, 111; Sentimental, 110; Searchlight III, 110; Lad, 110; Malvolio, 110; xNebraska, 109; Sundaria, 107; Banyan, 107; Lady Wine, 107; xAmerican Rose, 105; xAdelara, 105; xMarie Ransdell, 102; Roundbottom, 102.

*Rhoades, 162.; *Little Buss, 162;
*Candle Light, 165; Mackenzie, 167;
*Foster Embury, 167; Fly Home, 167;
*Timothy J Hogan, 167; Cadillac,
110; *Sunningdale, 110; Thorn
Bloom, 110.
Sixth Race—Mile and fifty yards,
2-year-olds, and up, claiming. P. 2.

Circles Claim Title.
The Circle A. C.'s issued a claim yesterday to the 120-pound football team championship of the District. The team has defeated the Diamond A. C.'s, Artex, Mount Rainier, Yankee, White Haven, Iroquois and the Warwick. The Easterns gained a tie with the Circles. The